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SUBJ: GOP PROTESTS ABOUT CONDUCT OF MARINE SECURITY GUARDS

REF: WARSAW 5799

1. AT ABOUT THE TIME THAT OUR PROTEST NOTE WAS BEING
DELIVERED ACTING DCM WAS CALLED IN BY DEPUTY CHIEF OF
PROTOCOL WYCHOWANIEC JULY 12 WHO PROTESTED BEHAVIOR OF
MARINES IN INCIDENT REPORTED REFTEL. WYCHOWANIEC CLAIMED
THAT MARINES HAD LEFT HOTEL WITH CRYSTAL VASE AND SEVERAL
GLASSES, USED FOUL LANGUAGE AND RAN OUT OF THE HOTEL
FOLLOWING A "BRAWL" WITH HOTEL PORTERS WHO TRIED TO SUBDUE
THEM. THEY WERE SUBSEQUENTLY APPREHENDED BY THE POLICE
AND DETAINED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

2. WYCHOWANIEC SAID THAT PENAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRO-
CEDURES HAD BEEN STARTED BUT WOULD NOT BE COMPLETED OF
MARINES PAID FOR DAMAGES CAUSED.

3. HE ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE POLICE HAD PUT IN
CALLS TO THE EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER BETWEEN 0400 AND
0500 BUT HE DID NOT KNOW WITH WHOM THEY SPOKE.

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4. WYCHOWANIEC CONCLUDED "THESE GENTLEMEN SHOULD NO
LONGER WORK IN POLAND" BUT THAT "THE DECISION WOULD BE
LEFT TO THE EMBASSY. WE DO NOT INSIST ON THEIR BEING
SENTAWAY BUT THINK THAT THEY SHOULD NO LONGER WORK IN
POLAND."

5. DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN ACCOUNT OF EVENTS GIVEN BY

MARINES AND WYCHOWANIEC ARE EVIDENT (REFTEL). RSO SAYS THAT IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH POLICE LATTER SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED ONLY ONE GLASS AND DID NOT SAY THAT THERE HAD BEEN A "BRAWL" OR NAY DAMAGE. OUR LOG SHOW NO CALL TO THE EMBASSY BY THE POLICE AT ANY TIME DURING MARINES' DETENTION AND DUTY OFFICER SAYS HE WAS NOT CALLED BY POLICE. FROM ALL APPEARANCES, THE POLICE ARE TREATING IT AS THE KIND OF INCIDENT IT APPARENTLY WAS AND NOT AS A POLITICAL MATTER. SINCE OUR NOTE HAS BEEN DELIVERED AND SINCE THE POLISH AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT INSISTED THAT THE MARINES DEPART, MY INTENTION IS TO DO NOTHING FURTHER UNTIL WE HAVE AT LEAST AN INDICATION OF WHAT THE POLISH RESPONSE, IF ANY, TO THE NOTE WILL BE.

6. HOWEVER, WE MAY BE FORCED TO RECONSIDER QUESTION SHOULD THE POLES ATTACH EXAGGERATED IMPORTANCE TO THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT.
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